

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you in regards to the possible change to many of the Christian radio stations. We have the Air 1 radio station here in Jefferson. I love it. I am a youth pastor and so I am always looking for ways to share Christ with my teenagers. I know that I love listening to Air 1. It's such a great start to my day and it's nice to know that I have a radio station to listen to that has an awesome message, is never vulgar, and has music to uplift your spirits. I know there have been many times when I will be having a bad day or need encouragement and I put on air one and all of a sudden my day is so much better and I am given hope. As a youth pastor it is great to know that my teens have encouraging music to listen to. So much of what is played on other stations is vulgar and talks about things that make me cringe to know that my teens are listening to. I know a number of my kids love listening to air one and have said that it has shown them that Christian music doesn't have to be boring and for old folks, but that there are some awesome rock bands, Christian rappers, etc that they can listen to. It is also great to tell them about different artist and tell them to listen to air one. It is such a great station that has made a great impact on me and youth in the area. Life is tough for teens, tougher then it was 5, 10, 20 years ago. They need positive influences in their live and air one is a great one. Music is a great influence on the lives of teens and if they can listen to music with a positive message it will affect them positively instead of negatively and make them want to go out and do good in the world and make a difference.

If changes are made to the station I fear that the message may not be as effective. What if the members of the advisory board do not have the same Christian value and morals as those who are currently a part of the station do? This would cause great troubles and problems. I'm afraid that the message of Christ, His love, salvation, and hope would possibly be lost. This would take away from the purpose of the radio station.

Another change that would cause issues is the addition of new staff members. The Air 1 station is currently funded through people of all different backgrounds who give donations to the station because they believe in the message they are sending. Many of the people that sponsor the station are already stretched financially but want to keep the station around. The radio station is already having a hard time funding, and adding more people would make it even harder to fund.

This radio station means a lot to me and to our community. If I were to wake up one morning and find out the station wasn't in existence any longer I would be very upset. This station is needed in this community. It is reaching out to a number of different people. We need more positive influences in the world today especially for kids and teens. This station helps them to see that it's okay to be different, to do good things, to stand up to negative peer pressure, and to live for God. It is making a difference in the world-a difference that is well needed.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Stacey McConnell